

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are now pending in the application. Claims 12 and 13 have been canceled and claims 1 and 9-11 are currently amended by way of the present amendment. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0075616(Montjean). Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. Section 103 Rejections

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Montjean. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the invention. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to recite:

wherein the transmission of said information comprises a plurality of sessions that may be distinct or multiple, said protection device being part of a plurality of protection devices that are programmable during said sessions, said protection device being assignable with specific parameters individually chosen during said sessions, said sessions comprising:
- a session of investigation of the presence of slave ports for communication;
- a further session, in which an initial communication session between a number of protection devices to a single dedicated computerized device is established;
- a further session, in which a choice for defining each time the active communication to a single protection device is made; and
- one or more further sessions, in which the programming of the protection devices takes place.

Support for the amendment and new claims is provided by the specification, figures and claims. In particular, support is shown at least in **FIG. 5** and provided at least at **page 6-7** of the filed

application. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the amendment raises no question of new matter.

Montjean discloses a digital protection system for a high voltage electricity network to instruct circuit breakers to open in the event of faults being detected by current and/or voltage sensors on the network lines connected to the circuit breakers includes a radio link for transmitting data with a mobile telephone of the "Bluetooth" type.¹

However, Montjean nowhere discloses as amended claim 1 recites:

wherein the transmission of said information comprises a plurality of sessions that may be distinct or multiple, said protection device being part of a plurality of protection devices that are programmable during said sessions, said protection device being assignable with specific parameters individually chosen during said sessions, said sessions comprising:

- a session of investigation of the presence of slave ports for communication;
- a further session, in which an initial communication session between a number of protection devices to a single dedicated computerized device is established;
- a further session, in which a choice for defining each time the active communication to a single protection device is made; and
- one or more further sessions, in which the programming of the protection devices takes place (emphasis added).

Montjean nowhere discloses the recited: “a plurality of sessions that may be distinct or multiple, said protection device being part of a plurality of protection devices that are programmable during said sessions, said protection device being assignable with specific parameters individually chosen during said sessions.” That is, Montjean nowhere discloses the communication between the protection device and the dedicated computerized device is managed according to a plurality of communication sessions, which are executed according to the claimed sequence.

¹ Montjean at ABSTRACT.

In addition, the overall teaching of Montjean relates to the adoption of a “Blue-Tooth” communication system for communication and programming purposes of a protection device. However, Montjean nowhere discloses the adoption of a communication management model that provides the claimed: “initial communication session between a number of protection devices to a single dedicated computerized device is established.” That is, a specific sequence of distinct or multiple communication sessions between the protection device and the computerized unit.

In contrast to Montjean, the claimed invention provides features that have been specifically designed to provide advantages over the prior art. For example, the claimed features that a protection device is programmable together with one or more additional protection devices during the programming sessions and that each of the programmed protection devices is assignable with specific parameters that are individually selected, allow the protection devices to easily carry out an entire set of functionalities such as: detection, data transmission, remote programming, with considerable consequences in terms of flexibility of use.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22106-00124-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: March 23, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Electronic signature: /Myron Keith Wyche/
Myron Keith Wyche
Registration No.: 47,341
CONNOLLY BOVE LODGE & HUTZ LLP
1875 Eye Street, NW
Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 331-7111
(202) 293-6229 (Fax)
Agent for Applicant

Application No. 10/599,776
Amendment dated: March 23, 2009
Reply to Office Action of December 23, 2008

Docket No.: 22106-00124-US1